

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph spanning page 6, line 33 to page 7, line 6 with the following amended paragraph:

Figure 2 shows a more preferred embodiment of the invention. The exhaust gas treatment unit is supplemented by a second converter housing (5) located upstream of the first converter housing (3) and upstream of the point of injection of urea into the exhaust gas stream. This embodiment allows to improve the oxidation of nitrogen monoxide to nitrogen dioxide by using a highly active oxidation catalyst (6) comprising platinum on active alumina. Such a highly active oxidation catalyst could not be incorporated into catalyst (4) since it would also oxidize ammonia. This oxidation catalyst can be positioned close to the outlet of the engine while converter housing (3) with the catalyst according to the invention may be located in an underfloor position.